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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kazunori HORIKIRI

Group Art Unit: 2131

Application No.: 09/655,803

Examiner: C. LaForgia

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Docket No.: 107196

For: ACCESS PRIVILEGE TRANSFERRING METHOD

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

A personal interview was conducted by Applicant's representative with Examiner Christian LaForgia on January 26, 2005. Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner LaForgia in the personal interview. A summary of the substance of the interview is contained in the following remarks.

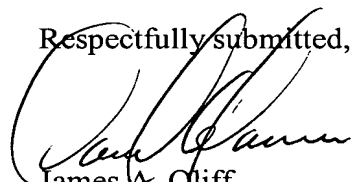
Applicant's representative reviewed arguments which were provided in an Amendment filed on December 22, 2004, in response to the September 22, 2004 Office Action. Applicant's representative reviewed with the Examiner the amendments to the claims and to the specification which were made in response to objections noted in paragraphs 1-6, and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, noted in paragraphs 7-12 of the Office Action. Applicant's representative understands that Examiner LaForgia generally agrees with Applicant's representative's comments that the amendments to the claims overcome the objections and §112 rejections.

Applicant's representative then traversed the prior art rejections of the Office Action by highlighting what Applicant believes to be distinguishing features recited in at least the independent claims of the above-identified application over U.S. Patent No. 6,449,721 to Pensak et al. (hereinafter "Pensak"), and what is alleged by the Office Action to be Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (APA). Specifically, Applicant's representative argued that the combinations of features varyingly recited in the claims are distinguishable from the applied references because the applied references do not teach or suggest these combinations of features. For example, Pensak and APA do not provide for any positive actions regarding encryption/decryption by the second of the plurality of clients.

Examiner LaForgia agreed that "the claim language has clarified issues in the case and appears to overcome the prior art of record." The Examiner did indicate that he will further consider the prior art of record and perform an updated search.

Should any questions arise regarding this communication, all inquiries should be directed to Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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